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steps are taken to arrange for a speedy cure, that is, provision of medical relief in the Headquarters hospital for those in the villages? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Patients in necessary cases are taken to the hospital for treatment."

SRI G. YELLAMANDA REDDI :—" Is there a van attached to the Health Department in Nellore district so that they may take urgent preventive measures? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Whenever there is an outbreak of epidemics, mobile vans are posted to districts."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is any subsidy given by the Government for the construction of new type sanitary latrines? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No subsidy is given, but water seal slabs are given at concessional rates."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is there a motor ambulance van attached to the Headquarters hospital to enable the patients to be conveyed from their villages to the Isolation Hospital at Nellore? "

THE HON SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir; whenever necessary, it is done."

Kodakkal Tile Factory, South Malabar.

* 1023 *Q.*—SRI K. P GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government received a memorandum from the Secretary, Kodakkal Commonwealth Tile Workers' Union, South Malabar, dated 8th June 1953, about the proposed indefinite closure of the Kodakkal Tile Factory ; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government in this matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Labour Officer of Kozhikode has intimated the management of the Kodakkal Commonwealth Tile Factory that they should not close the factory as per section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is aware at what stage this subject is. May I appeal to him, through you, Sir, not to make a difficult matter more difficult by such questions? "

Women employees in the Secretariat.

* 1024 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of women employees in the Secretariat; and